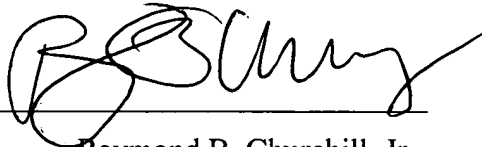


It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendment. Early and favorable examination is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted

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APPENDIX 1

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

8 (Amended). A method as claimed in [any] one of claims 4 [to] -7, wherein, for the case of said longterm average exceeding said threshold, said determining step includes a condition that said excess must occur for a minimum period of time before it is determined that a potential or actual overpressure is occurring.

12 (Amended). A method as claimed in [any] one of claims 4 [to 11] -7, wherein said longterm average is of the order of minutes.

13 (Amended). A method as claimed in [any] one of claims 4 [to 11] -7, wherein said longterm average is taken over ten or more breaths.

20 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in [any] one of claims 16 [to] -19, wherein, for the case of said longterm average exceeding said threshold, the controller operates subject to the condition that the time in excess must be greater than a minimum period of time before it is determined that a potential or actual overpressure is occurring.

21 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in [any] one of claims 16 [to 20] -19, further comprising alarm signalling means, coupled to said controller, for indicating that an alarm state exists if the threshold value is approached or exceeded.

22 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in [any] one of claims [14 to 21] 16-19, wherein said controller determines the longterm average in the order of minutes.

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23 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in [any] one of claims [14 to 21] 16-19, wherein said controller determines the longterm average over ten or more breaths.

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